1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Central Sector						
Jammu & Kashmir	Nimoo Bazgo* NHPC	-	3x15	45	48 months from CCEA	
Jammu & Kashmir	Chutak*	NHPC	-	4x15	454	54 months from CCEA
Uttaranchal	Tehri PSS**	THDC	-	4x250	1000	48 months from CCEA
Uttaranchal	Loharinag Pala#	NTPC	06.07.2006 (Civil Works)	4x150	600	63 months from award of works
	Total				**1689**	

* CCEA approval accorded in the meeting held on 02.06.2006 and formal letter is awaited.
** CCEA approval accorded on 18.07.2006.
# CCEA approval not required.

Functioning of Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission

1426. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the attitude of the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) is anti-consumers and pro-private companies;

(b) whether it is a fact that DERC was set up to protect the interests of consumers;

(c) if so, whether in view of above, Government are taking any steps to make DERC protect the interests of consumers; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHI KUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The protection of the interests of the consumers is one of the key responsibilities of the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs).

(c) and (d) Electricity Act, 2003 provides for setting up of Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum by every distribution licensee in their respective areas of operation. The Act also provides for constitution of the Ombudsman by the State SERCs. The main function of the Ombudsman is to look into the non-redressal of grievances by the Grievance Redressal Forums.

The DERC in accordance with the section 42(5) of Indian Electricity Act, 2003, had directed the Discoms to constitute their respective Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum which have been duly constituted and are functioning since August, 2004. The Commission has also appointed the Electricity Ombudsman.

Electricity Generation from Tehri Hydro-Electricity Project

†1427. SHRI DHARAMPAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that target to commence the generation of electricity and to supply it to Northern Grid from Tehri Dam Hydro-Electricity Project was the end of June, 2006 in first phase;

(b) if so, the progress made therein; and

(c) the target set for generation of electricity in the first, second and third phases under this project and the time schedule fixed to achieve the same completely under this project and the assessment of success likely to be achieved therein?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The water level in the reservoir reached Minimum Draw Down Level (MDDL) i.e. EL 740 M on 15.5.2005 and the wet commissioning tests were started. The Unit-IV of the project was synchronized with Northern Grid on 17.7.2006 and commissioned on 30.7.2006.

(c) The 2400 MW Tehri Hydro Power Complex comprises of Tehri Dam and HPP Stage-I (1000 MW), Tehri Pumped Storage Plant (PSP) Stage-II (1000 MW) and Koteshwar Dam and HPP (400 MW). The targets for power generation in the first, second stage and Koteshwar Dam and HPP (400 MW) are as detailed below:

Stage-I (Tehri Dam & HPP-1000 MW): The power generation from the Unit-IV (250 MW) of the Tehri Stage-I has already commenced on 17.7.2006. The target of energy generation for year 2006-07 is 1161 MU.

Stage-II (Koteshwar Dam & HPP-400 MW): The works of Koteshwar HPP are in progress. The project is scheduled to be commissioned by March, 2008.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.